

Implementing e-learning guidelines newsletter

April 2008

Welcome to the April newsletter for our guidelines project. One of the main points in the newsletter is the information about the project workshop on 1 July in Rotorua. Please let me know who will attend.

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ELG Website update



The e-Learning guidelines website is going to be updated. Take a look at the design concepts at the google groups site:

[ELG upgrade design concepts.pdf](#).

The focus is to refine the look and feel of the site, to help the usability so the website can better function. I welcome your input into the proposed changes. Are there some suggestions that we should do or should not do? Do you recommend that we implement the design changes? Go to the Google group site and have your say.

There is another pdf with some background information that helps to formulate the concepts. This is for background information only.

[ELG upgrade background ideas.pdf](#)

Project workshop – 1 July 2008

There will be a final meeting for our project on 1 July in Rotorua. This will be an opportunity to learn from each other, to discuss the outputs and understand how they will be useful across the New Zealand tertiary sector. It will also help to identify how we can promote what we have learned to others.

This workshop links in with the HERDSA conference. You are encouraged to attend the full conference. This is from July 1-4. More detail of the conference is available at:

<http://conference.hersa.org.au/2008>

The project will fund one person from each project to the workshop. This will pay for travel to Rotorua, accommodation and conference fees. Please let me know if you are going to attend and give me your travel dates.

Congratulations from the TEC

TEC responded to the latest progress report with:

"We congratulate the researchers on the progress of their project to date and look forward to receiving the final report for this project"

Well done everyone!

Read more about the project progress on page 2.

Links

Google Groups

<http://groups.google.co.nz/group/eguidelines>

e-Learning guidelines website

<http://elg.massey.ac.nz>

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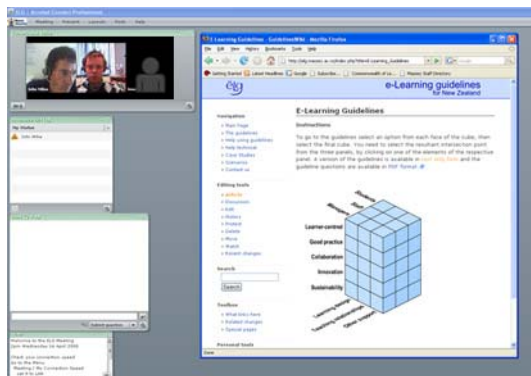
Progress report to TEC 28 February 2008

Projects achieving milestones



To date sixteen projects have achieved their February 2008 stage of their projects. I appreciate that this involves a substantial amount of work. The other projects did make good progress but have more work to do.

Connect video conferences



Screen shot of Adobe Connect

More Connect video conferences will run over the next few months. The next one is on Friday April 11 at 2.00-3.30. It will include Bronwyn Hegarty, Oriell Kelly and Julie Mackey talking about their projects. Contact me if you would like to be involved.

DEANZ Elluminate session

I facilitated a video conference on the e-learning guidelines recently. There is a recording of it. For details go to the site:

http://elq.massey.ac.nz/index.php?title=How_to_use_ELQ

Evaluation update

Amanda Gilbert writes:

Evaluating the implementation projects is an interesting experience. I have had discussions and e-mail contact with some project leaders and am building up a picture of how the guidelines are being implemented (similarities and differences) and the barriers that seem to get in the way.

At present the major barriers for almost all projects are time and pressure of work. Guidelines implementation has been affected and other activities, particularly those which are not directly related to implementation, are easily sidelined. One example of this is the Google Groups site. We are now looking at other ways to help projects share ideas and discuss issues of overall value.

Amanda is being joined by Andrea Barr who hopes to talk to some of you in more depth about your experiences working on the guidelines projects.

Paper published

The paper that Gordon and I wrote has finally been published. It is about developing and implementing e-learning guidelines. It is available at Campus-Wide Information Systems Volume 25 Number 2 at: www.emeraldinsight.com/1065-0741.htm

Conferences

Many of you will be considering writing up your work for conferences. Here are a few that will be interested in your work.

HERDSA 2008, Rotorua 1 – 4 July 2008.
<http://conference.hersda.org.au/2008/>

DEANZ 2008, Wellington 18 – 20 August 2008.
<http://www.deanz.org.nz>

ASCILITE 2008, Melbourne, Nov 30 – Dec 3 2008
<http://www.ascilite.org.au/conferences/melbourne08>

Other conferences can be found at
<http://www.uwex.edu/disted/conf/index.cfm>